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NEW DEVELOPMENTAL SCHEMES FOR EMPOWERMENT OF SCs/STs

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new developmental schemes and programmes being formulated by the Government during the Eleventh Five Year Plan in addition to the ongoing schemes for empowerment of SCs and STs in the field of Agriculture, specifying the nature/scope and target groups of such schemes and programmes;

(b) the amount of funds requisitioned/proposed to be requisitioned during the Eleventh Plan from the Planning Commission for such schemes/programmes; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated for such schemes/programmes in the Tenth Plan period and success achieved therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): The aim of developmental schemes of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is to increase agricultural production and productivity for the farmers in the country including SC/ST farmers. 16% of the total allocation has been earmarked for implementation of the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan for SC farmers and 8% for the Tribal Sub Plan for ST farmers. There are provisions for higher subsidy/assistance for SC/ST farmers in the case of beneficiary oriented components in certain schemes. Under the newly launched National Food Security Mission, allocation to SC/ST farmers will be made proportionate to their population in the identified districts.

(b): An amount of Rs.54,277 crores has been proposed during the Eleventh Five Year Plan to the Planning Commission for the schemes/programmes.

(c): During the Tenth Plan Period an allocation of Rs.16,093 crore was made for various schemes/programmes against which an amount of Rs.14,947 crore(provisional) was utilized.